Allotment for Kumbalangi Panchayat.

176. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount sanctioned in the annual budget for the current year for the Kumbalangi Panchayat;

(b) whether any portion of it has been allotted for the construction of bridges;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, for how many bridges and what amount;

(d) has the work of putting up any of the bridges in (c) been commenced so far;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the negative, please state the reason why?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Rs. 1,455.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rs. 1,220 for a bridge over the Puthenthodu.

(d) and (e). The estimate for the work has been sanctioned.

Construction of bridges in Kumbalangi.

177. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Kumbalangi Panchayat President has addressed any letter to the department, requesting to have the construction of bridges undertaken without delay;

(2) if the answer to (1) is in the affirmative, when was that letter and for how many bridges;

(3) have the Government taken any step so far towards the construction of any of these; if so, what step and when?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The letter was the one dated 22nd Makaram 1105, No. 46/05. It was for one bridge.

(3) The estimate for the work has been sanctioned.

Lapse of budgetted amounts under the P. W. D.

178. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how much budgeted amounts have been lapsed during the current year in the P. W. D for not undertaking the proposed work;

(2) what were those works and the reason why they were not taken up this year;

(3) what all original works had been proposed during the current year in the P. W. D and what was the estimated and budgetted amount for the same;

(4) has any of these works been completed this year; if so, what all works and the amount expended on them;

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(5) has any amount budgetted for those original works and not taken up this year been transferred for any other work in P. W. D. and if so, what amount and the name and nature of such work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) It is not possible to furnish the information till the year is out.

(2) Vide answer to (1) above.

(3) The items are given in the P. W. D. budget programme of the year.

(4) Yes. It is not possible to give the details before the year is out.

(5) A copy of the transfer statement of allotment in the P. W. D. is placed on the Council table.

Investigation of the scheme of water supply to Chellanam and Andikadavu.

179. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the amount budgetted this year for investigation of water supply at Chellanam and Andikadavu;

(2) has anything been done so far towards the investigation;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, how much of the budgetted amount for the same have been expended for that work;

(4) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the why of it;

(5) have the Government done anything during the last summer to relieve the people of Chellanam and Andikadavu from the scarcity of good drinking water; if not, why not;

(6) if the Government have been not able to supply them Alwaye water from Mattancheri by means of pipes, could not the Government at least give those suffering people a temporary relief by supplying them water in barges or *thonies*?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Rs. 450.

(2) An investigation as regards population in those areas was made.

(3) No expenditure was incurred.

(4) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to sub division (3) above.

(5) No. The Member is referred to Diwan's Proceedings Dis. 820D/05 dated 22nd February 1930, copy of which is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(6) Please see answer to (5) above.

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